

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 45-64 are currently pending in the application. Claims 45-54 stand rejected. Claims 55-64 are allowed. Applicants note with appreciation the allowability of claims 55-64. Applicants propose to cancel claims 45-54 without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of one or more continuation applications on the subject matter thereof.

This amendment merely cancels claims 45-54 and, therefore, should be entered by the Examiner such cancellation of claims does not introduce new issues or require a further search by the Examiner. Since the remaining, pending claims have been allowed by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 55-64.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

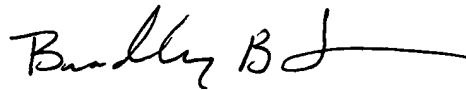
Obviousness Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 5,728,625 to Tung, in View of U.S. Patent No. 4,782,037 to Tomozawa *et al.*, and Further in View of U.S. Patent No. 6,465,295 to Kitamura

Claims 45-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,728,625 to Tung ("Tung"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,782,037 to Tomozawa *et al.* ("Tomozawa"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,465,295 to Kitamura ("Kitamura"). Applicants have canceled claims 45-54, rendering moot this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Claims 55-64 have been allowed by the Examiner and, therefore, an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain that might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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